



**AWARDS 2017**

WITH  MUSIC

## **2017 ARIA AWARDS NOMINATED ARTISTS REVEALED**

**2017 ARIA PRODUCER OF THE YEAR WINNERS, GANG OF YOUTHS  
LEADS THE NOMINATIONS**

**PAUL KELLY WINS ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AND BEST COVER  
ART AND SECURES SEVEN ARIA AWARD NOMINATIONS**

**APPLE MUSIC GIVES FANS THE POWER TO DETERMINE WINNER  
OF SONG OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**THE INAUGURAL ARIA MUSIC TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES  
ANNOUNCED**

**COMMEMORATIVE ARTWORK BY SYDNEY ARTIST NELL UNVEILED**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

The countdown is on, with just seven weeks to the **2017 ARIA Awards** with Apple Music. Today, at the nominations event held earlier this morning at the **Art Gallery of New South Wales**, ARIA announced nominees in all categories and will be revealing the winners at The Star Event Centre, **Sydney** on **Tuesday 28th November 2017**, which will be broadcast around Australia on the Nine Network.

Highlights of the ceremony included 1997 ARIA Hall of Fame inductee, **Paul Kelly** winning two Artisan ARIA Awards for Engineer Of The Year and Best Cover Art, along with receiving seven

nominations. His album "**Life Is Fine**" debuted at #1 on the ARIA charts, and has held its spot in the Top 10 for the last seven weeks. Currently on tour in the US and Europe, "**Life Is Fine**" marks his first #1 ARIA album, after releasing 23 studio albums and a 40-year career in Australian music.

It was also an exciting day for Sydney five-piece **Gang Of Youths** leading the day with eight nominations, categories including Apple Music Album Of The Year, Best Group, Best Rock Album, Best Video, Best Australian Live Act, Producer Of The Year, Engineer Of The Year and Best Cover Art. Acknowledging their critically acclaimed #1 ARIA album "**Go Farther In Lightness**", the 16 track odyssey was named triple j's feature album and saw the band tour nationally to sold-out audiences, along with receiving rave reviews from fans and media alike.

Other widely recognised nominations were celebrated for Australian hip hop pair, **A.B Original**, nominated for six nominations. Respectively coming from the Yorta Yorta and Ngarrindjeri tribes, the duo made up of **Briggs** and ARIA award-winning producer **Trials** have been bringing attention to issues closer to home. 2016's "**Reclaim Australia**" saw the duo win the 12th Australian Music Prize and the album's lead single '**January 26**' reach #16 on triple j's Hottest 100.

Currently on tour in the US, Gold Coast's **Amy Shark** was one of the emerging artists who burst into the Australian music scene over the past twelve months and has been recognised for her works with six nominations. 2017's "**Night Thinker**" EP peaked at #2 on the ARIA charts, and single '**Adore**' placed #2 on triple j's Hottest 100 and peaked at #3 on the ARIA Singles Chart.

Melbourne's ARIA Award winner **Illy** has accumulated six nominations for this year's ARIA Awards. Nominated for Apple Music Album Of The Year and Best Urban Album, "**Two Degrees**" debuted at #1 on the ARIA Chart, with single '**Papercuts (feat. Vera Blue)**' hitting 4x platinum status. The track also came in at #7 in triple j's Hottest 100 of 2016.

Also securing six nominations, this is ARIA Award winner **Jessica Mauboy**'s seventh consecutive year of ARIA nominations. Making ARIA Chart history with her latest release, she became the first Indigenous woman to debut and achieve three consecutive weeks at #1. Reaching platinum status, the album also became **Mauboy**'s first individual #1 album on the ARIA Chart.

Today, ARIA also welcomed Apple Music to the 2017 ARIA Awards which includes the return of two of the event's most highly-anticipated categories, Apple Music Song Of The Year and Apple Music Album Of The Year.

With Apple Music, ARIA is giving fans the power to determine the winner of the coveted Song of the Year award. Fans can cast their vote and show their support by listening to their favourite song on Apple Music.\*

Following today's nominations announcement, fans will now be able to access songs, albums and

specially curated playlists that celebrate the 2017 ARIA Award nominees on Apple Music.

**Denis Handlin AO, ARIA Chairman and Chairman and CEO of Sony Music**

**Entertainment Australia and New Zealand and President, Asia** said: *"We are delighted to be partnering with Apple Music to offer Australian music fans a truly unique and memorable experience for the 31st Annual ARIA Award celebrations.*

*"I would also like to congratulate all of the winners announced today in the Fine Arts, Artisan and Best Comedy categories, as well as those artists nominated for the 2017 ARIA Awards with Apple Music. Each of the nominees and winners truly demonstrate the brilliant influence and creativity of our Australian artists and we look forward to celebrating a wonderful showcase on the 28th November at The Star, Sydney."*

**Dan Rosen, ARIA Chief Executive Officer**, added: *"2017 has been another remarkable year for Australian artists both at home and across the globe. The artists honoured today as winners in the Fine Arts, Artisan and Best Comedy Categories show that the high quality of artistic achievement in the Australian music scene is spread across a wide range of genres. The Artisan Award winners exemplify that hard work, innovation and creativity is not limited to those who play the music but also those who contribute to the recordings behind the scenes. It is also with great excitement and anticipation that we look forward to November 28 when we reveal the winners of the remaining categories and bring more ARIA magic moments to the stage."*

Classical guitar virtuoso, **Slava Grigoryan** took out the title in the Best Classical Album category for **"Bach: Cello Suites Volume I."** This marks **Grigoryan's** 14th ARIA nomination, either on his own or as a member of the **Grigoryan Brothers** or shared with other artists, and follows up from his win for Best Classical Album for **"Sonatas & Fantasies"** in 2002.

Best World Music Album was granted to Australian singer and songwriter **Katie Noonan** and classical guitarist **Karin Schaupp** for their collaborative efforts on **"Songs of the Latin Skies"**. This is the third time the duo have collaborated, following **"Songs from the British Isles"** in 2011 and the 2012 ARIA-nominated album **"Songs of the Southern Skies."**

The late **John Clarke** has posthumously been awarded the 2017 ARIA Award for Best Comedy Release for **"Clarke's Classics"**. Clarke's renowned satirical wit and comic brilliance has previously won him ARIA Awards for **"Great Interviews of the 20th Century"** in the Best Australian Comedy category in 1991, and for **"The Annual Report"** in the same category in 1992.

Nominated twice for Best Jazz Album was multi-instrumentalist **James Morrison**. It was the release **"The Great American Songbook"** that received the ARIA award, after debuting at #2 on the ARIA Jazz & Blues Albums Chart. This win follows up from his first ARIA Award in 2010.

The nominees for the first-ever ARIA Music Teacher Of The Year Award, sponsored by Telstra and supported by The Song Room, were announced today. This award recognises music teachers for their passion and hard work in educating Australian children to play and love music. To vote for your favourite Aria Music teacher, visit. [www.ariamusicteacheraward.com.au](http://www.ariamusicteacheraward.com.au)

The finalists announced were **Julie Layt** from **Crescent Lagoon State School** in Rockhampton QLD, **Stephen Mcewan** from **Bellarine Secondary College** in Drysdale, Victoria, **Renee McCarthy** from **Woodcroft College** in Morphett Vale, South Australia and **Alex Manton** from **Asquith Girls High School** in Asquith, New South Wales. ARIA congratulates the teachers and the schools for this wonderful achievement.

ARIA is thrilled to continue the tradition of unveiling commemorative artwork to celebrate the ARIAs, and we are honoured to announce that this year's artwork has been designed by Sydney artist **NELL**. Throughout her career, she has created some diverse paintings and artworks and ARIA is very fortunate to have had her talent and creativity involved in designing this year's ARIAs commemorative poster.

The 2016 ARIA Awards saw a 31% increase in TV ratings and delivered its biggest audience since 2010. It was the #1 show for 25-54s and under 55 year-olds on the night, and achieved the most social #ARIAs ever, generating over 585 million Twitter impressions around the world.

This year fans will have the chance to vote in the categories of Best International Act, Best Australian Live Act and Best Video. For more information on the publicly voted awards, visit [ariaawards.com.au/public-voting](http://ariaawards.com.au/public-voting).

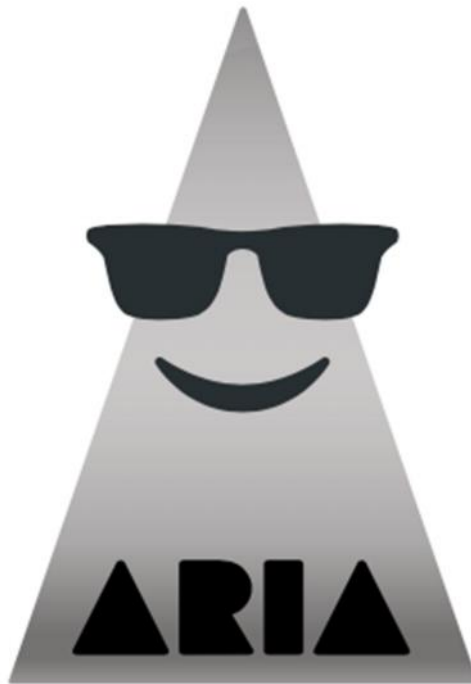
For the second year, fans can have their say by voting for the Apple Music Song of the Year by playing their favourite song in Apple Music. This is in addition to being able to vote via [ariaawards.com.au/public-voting](http://ariaawards.com.au/public-voting). See voting terms and conditions for eligible play votes\*.

Also returning this year is the opportunity for music fans to decide an ARIA winner exclusively via Twitter for the Best International Artist Category. Last year, more than 1.2 Million Tweets determined the winner for this category and we are encouraging fans to do it all over again. Fans can start voting for their favourite International Artist at 3pm AEDT today by heading to Twitter using the following hashtags:

**#ARIASADELE #ARIASBRUNOMARS #ARIASEDSHEERAN #ARIASHARRYSTYLES  
#ARIASKENDRICKLAMAR #ARIASLORDE #ARIASMETALLICA #ARIASSHAWN MENDES  
#ARIASROLLINGSTONES #ARIAS THEWEEKND**

And that's not the only way to celebrate the #ARIAs on Twitter. Twitter Australia will be unveiling

eleven custom Twitter emojis for this year's ARIA Awards, with the first emoji live and ready to Tweet from today. Tweets including the hashtag #ARIAs will generate a custom ARIA Awards emoji. The remaining 10 emojis will honour the nominees of the Best International Artist category and will be unveiled in the coming weeks.



ARIA would like to thank Apple Music and partners Destination NSW, the Nine Network, Swarovski, Pepsi Max, Telstra, The Star, PPCA and The National Art Gallery for hosting today's event.

ARIA would also like to take this opportunity to thank Host Richard Wilkins from Network Nine's Today Show and presenters ARIA Award winner Katie Noonan, Robbie Buck from ABC 702, The Thinker Girls from KIIS 106.5FM, Ash London from Ash London Live from the Hit Network, Tim Blackwell from Nova Drive Show, Ben & Liam from triple j Breakfast, James Valentine from ABC Radio, Eric J Dubowsky last year's ARIA winner for Engineer Of The Year, Ugly Phil from Triple M, and this year's artist of the ARIA Commemorative Artwork, NELL.

**2017 ARIA Awards with Apple Music | Tuesday, November 28th, The Star Event Centre, Sydney | Broadcast on the Nine Network.**

**#ARIAs**

**TICKETING INFORMATION**

My Ticketek pre-sale:

Wednesday, October 11th from midday

General Public on-sale:

Monday, October 16th from 9:00am AEDT

[www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au)

**\*Vote for the Apple Music Song of the Year by playing your favourite song in Apple Music for more than 30 seconds.**

Listen to the nominated songs for more than 30 seconds from the Apple Music Song of the Year playlist. You can also cast a web vote at [aria.com.au](http://aria.com.au). Be sure to tune in to the 28 November ceremony on the Nine Network. Eligible votes include those from Australian Apple Music members who play nominees' songs for a minimum of 30 seconds in Apple Music between 3 p.m. AEDT 10 October through 11:59 p.m. AEDT 21 November 2017. Plays less than 30 seconds and remixes of nominated songs—single or from radio stations or curated playlists other than the Apple Music Song of the Year playlist—are excluded. Maximum one vote per nominated song per day per Apple Music member applicable.

## **THE 2017 ARIA AWARDS WITH APPLE MUSIC NOMINATIONS LEADER BOARD**

### **EIGHT NOMINATIONS**

Gang Of Youths

### **SEVEN NOMINATIONS**

Paul Kelly

### **SIX NOMINATIONS**

A.B. Original

Amy Shark

Illy

Jessica Mauboy

### **FIVE NOMINATIONS**

Dean Lewis

Sia

### **FOUR NOMINATIONS**

D.D Dumbo

King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard

Peking Duk

Tash Sultana

### **THREE NOMINATIONS**

Client Liaison

Dan Sultan

Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds

**TWO NOMINATIONS**

Bliss n Eso  
Dune Rats  
Julia Jacklin  
Kate Miller-Heidke & Sydney Symphony Orchestra  
Pnau  
TKAY Maidza  
Vance Joy

**ONE NOMINATION**

Airbourne  
All Our Exes Live In Texas  
Archie Roach  
Arj Barker  
Australian Art Orchestra  
Australian Cast Recording feat. David Campbell  
Bernard Fanning  
Big Scary  
Buddy Goode  
Busby Marou  
Cezary Skubiszewski  
Dom Dolla & Torren Foot  
Flume  
Frenzal Rhomb  
Grigoryan Brothers  
Guy Sebastian  
Jagwar Ma  
James Morrison & James Morrison Academy Jazz Orchestra  
James Morrison, BBC Concert Orchestra, Keith Lockhart, Harry Morrison & William Morrison  
Jayson Gillham, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra & Benjamin Northey  
Jimmy Barnes  
John Clarke  
Joseph Tawadros  
Kasey Chambers  
Katie Noonan and Karin Schaupp  
Kirin J Callinan  
Kitty Flanagan  
Lah-Lah  
Lee Kernaghan  
Meg Mac  
Melbourne Ska Orchestra  
Midnight Oil  
Nigel Westlake & Sydney Symphony Orchestra, with Joseph Tawadros, Slava Grigoryan & Lior  
Northlane  
O'Shea

Paul Kelly & Charlie Owen  
Pete Murray  
Peter Combe  
Polish Club  
REMI  
Rhys Nicholson  
Richard Tognetti & Australian Chamber Orchestra  
Shane Nicholson  
Slava Grigoryan  
Slava Grigoryan & Australian String Quartet  
Sleepmakeswaves  
Tamara-Anna Cislowska  
The Idea of North, Lior & Elena Kats-Chernin  
The Kite String Tangle  
The McClymonts  
The Preatures  
The Vampires  
The Wiggles  
Thundamentals  
Vera Blue  
Violent Soho  
Xylouris White

## 2017 ARIA AWARD NOMINATED ARTISTS

*Winners to be announced Tuesday, 28th November, The Star, Sydney*

### **Apple Music Album Of The Year**

**A.B. Original** for "Reclaim Australia" (Golden Era Records/Universal Music Australia)

**Amy Shark** for "Night Thinker" (Wonderlick Recording Company)

**Gang Of Youths** for "Go Farther In Lightness" (Mosy Recordings/Sony Music Australia)

**Illy** for "Two Degrees" (ONETWOWarner Music Australia)

**Paul Kelly** for "Life Is Fine" (EMI)

### **Best Male Artist**

**D.D Dumbo** for "Utopia Defeated" (Liberation Music)

**Dan Sultan** for "Killer" (Liberation Music)

**Illy** for "Two Degrees" (ONETWOWarner Music Australia)

**Paul Kelly** for "Life Is Fine" (EMI)

**Vance Joy** for "Lay It On Me" (Liberation Music)

### **Best Female Artist**

**Amy Shark** for "Night Thinker" (Wonderlick Recording Company)

**Jessica Mauboy** "The Secret Daughter (Songs from the Original TV Series)" (Sony Music Australia)



**Julia Jacklin** "Don't Let The Kids Win" (Liberation Music)

**Meg Mac** "Low Blows" (littleBIGMAN Records/EMI)

**Sia** 'The Greatest feat. Kendrick Lamar' (Inertia Music)

#### **Best Dance Release**

**Dom Dolla & Torren Foot** for 'Be Randy' (Club Sweat/Xelon)

**Jagwar Ma** for "Every Now & Then" (Future Classic)

**Peking Duk** for 'Stranger (feat. Elliphant)' (Sony Music)

**Pnau** for 'Chameleon' (etcetc Music)

**The Kite String Tangle** for "The Kite String Tangle" (Warner Music Australia/ Exist Recordings)

#### **Best Group**

**A.B Original** for "Reclaim Australia" (Golden Era Records/Universal Music Australia)

**Gang Of Youths** for "Go Farther In Lightness" (Mosy Records/Sony Music Australia)

**King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard** for "Flying Microtonal Banana" (Flightless Records/Remote Control Records)

**Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds** for "Skeleton Tree" (Bad Seed Ltd/Kobalt Music Australia)

**Peking Duk** for "Stranger (feat. Elliphant)" (Sony Music Australia)

#### **Breakthrough Artist**

**A.B Original** for "Reclaim Australia" (Golden Era Records/Universal Music Australia)

**Amy Shark** for "Night Thinker" (Wonderlick Recording Company)

**Dean Lewis** for "Waves" (Island Records Australia/Universal Music Australia)

**Tash Sultana** for "Notion" (Lonely Lands Records/Sony Music Australia)

**Tkay Maidza** for "TKAY" (Dew Process)

#### **Best Pop Release**

**Amy Shark** for "Night Thinker" (Wonderlick Recording Company)

**Dean Lewis** for "Waves" (Island Records Australia/Universal Music Australia)

**Jessica Mauboy** for "Fallin" (Sony Music Australia)

**Sia** for "The Greatest (feat. Kendrick Lamar)" (Sony Music Australia)

**Vera Blue** for "Perennial" (Island Records Australia/Universal Music Australia)

#### **Best Urban Album**

**A.B Original** for "Reclaim Australia" (Golden Era Records/Universal Music Australia)

**Illy** for "Two Degrees" (ONETWOWarner Music Australia)

**REMI** for "Divas & Demons" (House of Beige/UNFD)

**Thundamentals** for "Everyone We Know" (High Depth/Island Records Australia/Universal Music Australia)

**Tkay Maidza** for "TKAY" (Dew Process)

#### **Best Independent Release**

**A.B Original** for "Reclaim Australia" (Golden Era Records/Universal Music Australia)

**Dan Sultan** for "Killer" (Liberation Music)

**Sia** for "The Greatest (feat. Kendrick Lamar)" (Inertia Music)

**Tash Sultana** for "Notion" (Lonely Lands Records/Sony Music Australia)

**Vance Joy** for "Lay It On Me" (Liberation Music)

**Best Rock Album**

**Dan Sultan** for "Killer" (Liberation Music)

**Dune Rats** for "The Kids Will Know It's Bullshit" (Ratbag Records)

**Gang Of Youths** for "Go Farther In Lightness" (Mosy Recordings/Sony Music Australia)

**Polish Club** for "Alrighty Alrighty" (Double Double/Island Records Australia/Universal Music Australia)

**The Preatures** for "Girlhood" (Island Records Australia/Universal Music Australia)

**Best Adult Contemporary Album**

**Bernard Fanning** for "Brutal Dawn" (Dew Process)

**D.D Dumbo** for "Utopia Defeated" (Liberation Music)

**Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds** for "Skeleton Tree" (Bad Seed Ltd/Kobalt Music Recordings)

**Paul Kelly** for "Life Is Fine" (EMI)

**Pete Murray** for "Camacho" (Sony Music Australia)

**Best Country Album**

**Kasey Chambers** for "Dragonfly" (Essence Music/Warner Music Australia)

**Lee Kernaghan** for "The 25th Anniversary Album" (ABC Music/Universal)

**O'Shea** for "61-615" (Sony Music Australia)

**Shane Nicholson** for "Love And Blood" (Lost Highway Australia/Universal Music Australia)

**The McClymonts** for "Endless" (Island Records Australia/Universal Music Australia)

**Best Hard Rock/Heavy Metal Album**

**Airbourne** for "Breaking Outta Hell" (Spinefarm Records/Caroline Australia)

**Frenzal Rhomb** for "Hi-Vis High Tea" (Caroline Australia)

**King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard** for "Murder Of The Universe" (FLIGHTLESS/Inertia)

**Northlane** for "Mesmer" (UNFD/Warner Music Australia)

**Sleepmakeswaves** for "Made of Breath Only" (Bird's Robe Records/MGM)

**Best Blues & Roots Album**

**All Our Exes Live In Texas** for "When We Fall" (ABC Music/Universal Music)

**Archie Roach** for "Let Love Rule" (Liberation Music)

**Busby Marou** for "Postcards From The Shell House" (Warner Music Australia)

**Paul Kelly & Charlie Owen** for "Death's Dateless Night" (Gawdaggy/Universal Music Australia)

**Tash Sultana** for "Notion" (Lonely Lands Records/Sony Music)

**Best Children's Album**

**Jimmy Barnes** for "Och Aye the G'Nu!" (ABC Music/Universal)

**Lah-Lah** for "Having Fun!" (Sony Music)

**Peter Combe** for "Live It Up" (Peter Combe Music/Planet)

**The Idea of North, Lior & Elena Kats-Chernin** for "A Piece of Quiet [The Hush Collection, Vol 16]" (ABC Music/Universal)

**The Wiggles** for "The Wiggles Duets" (ABC Music/Universal)

## PUBLIC VOTED AWARDS

### Best Video

- Amy Shark** for 'Drive You Mad (Wonderlick Recording Company)  
**Bliss N Eso** for 'Moments (feat. Gavin James)' (Illusive)  
**Client Liaison** for 'A Foreign Affair' (Dot Dash Recordings/Remote Control Records)  
**Client Liaison** for 'Off White Limousine' (Dot Dash Recordings/Remote Control Records)  
**Dean Lewis** for 'Waves' (Island Records Australia/Universal Music Australia)  
**Gang Of Youths** for 'The Deepest Sighs, the Frankest Shadows' (Mosy Recordings/Sony Music)  
**Illy** for 'You Say When (feat. Marko Penn)' (ONETWO/Warner Music Australia)  
**Jessica Mauboy** for 'Fallin'' (Sony Music Australia)  
**Kirin J Callinan** for 'S.A.D.' (EMI)  
**Sia** for 'The Greatest (feat. Kendrick Lamar)' (Inertia Music)

### Best Australian Live Act

- Client Liaison** (Dot Dash Recordings/Remote Control Records)  
**Flume** (Future Classic)  
**Gang Of Youths** (Mosy Recordings/Sony Music)  
**Illy** (ONETWO/Warner Music Australia)  
**Jessica Mauboy** (Sony Music)  
**King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard** (FLIGHTLESS/Inertia)  
**Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds** (Bad Seed Ltd / Kobalt Music Recordings)  
**Peking Duk** (Sony Music)  
**Tash Sultana** (Lonely Lands Records/Sony Music)  
**Violent Soho** (I OH YOU)

### Apple Music Song Of The Year

- Amy Shark** for 'Adore' (Wonderlick Recording Company)  
**Bliss N Eso** for 'Moments (feat. Gavin James)' (Illusive)  
**Dean Lewis** for 'Waves' (Island Records Australia/Universal Music Australia)  
**Guy Sebastian** for 'Set In Stone' (Sony Music Australia)  
**Illy** for 'Catch 22 (feat. Anne-Marie)' (ONETWO/Warner Music Australia)  
**Jessica Mauboy** for "Fallin" (Sony Music Australia)  
**Peking Duk** for 'Stranger (feat. Elliphant)' (Sony Music Australia)  
**Pnau** for 'Chameleon' (etc etc Music)  
**Sia** for 'The Greatest (feat. Kendrick Lamar)' (Inertia Music)  
**Starley** for 'Call On Me (Ryan Riback Remix)' (Tinted Records/Universal)

### Best International Artist

- Adele** for "25" (XL Recordings/Inertia)  
**Bruno Mars** for "24K Magic" (Atlantic Records/Warner Music)  
**Ed Sheeran** for "+" and "Loose Change" (Warner Music)  
**Harry Styles** for self-titled album "Harry Styles" (Columbia/Sony Music Australia)  
**Kendrick Lamar** for "DAMN" and "Untitled Unmastered" (Interscope/Universal Music Australia)  
**Lorde** for "Melodrama" (Universal Music International/Universal Music Australia)

**Metallica** for "Hardwired...To Self-Destruct" (Virgin/EMI )  
**Shawn Mendes** for "Illuminate" (Island Records/Universal Music Australia)  
**The Rolling Stones** for "Blue & Lonesome" (Polydor Records/Universal Music Australia)  
**The Weeknd** for "Starboy" (Universal Music International/Universal Music Australia)

#### **Music Teacher of the Year**

**Julie Layt** (Crescent Lagoon State School, Rockhampton QLD 4700)  
**Stephen Mcewan** (Bellarine Secondary College, Drysdale VIC 3200)  
**Renee McCarthy** (Woodcroft College, Morphett Vale SA 5162)  
**Alex Manton** (Asquith Girls High School, Asquith NSW 2077)

#### **Outstanding Digital Service**

Apple Music  
Bandcamp  
iTunes  
Spotify  
YouTube

## **2017 ARTISAN AWARDS | NOMINATED ARTISTS**

#### **Producer Of The Year**

**WINNER: GANG OF YOUTHS AND ADRIAN BREAKSPEAR FOR GANG OF YOUTHS "GO FARTHER IN LIGHTNESS" (MOSY RECORDINGS/SONY MUSIC)**

**Daniel Rankine** for **A.B. Original** "Reclaim Australia" (Golden Era Records/UMA)  
**Tom Iansek** for **Big Scary** "Animal" (Pieater/Inertia)  
**Oliver Hugh Perry** and **Fabian Prynne** for **D.D Dumbo** "Utopia Defeated" (Liberation Music)  
**Gang Of Youths** and **Adrian Breakspear** for **Gang Of Youths** "Go Farther In Lightness" (Mosy Recordings/Sony Music)  
**Paul Kelly** and **Steven Schram** for **Paul Kelly** "Life Is Fine" (EMI)

#### **Engineer Of The Year**

**WINNER: STEVEN SCHRAM FOR PAUL KELLY "LIFE IS FINE" (EMI)**

**Oliver Hugh Perry & Fabian Prynne** for **D.D Dumbo** "Utopia Defeated" (Liberation Music)  
**John Castle** for **Dean Lewis** "Lose My Mind" (Island Records Australia/Universal Music Australia)  
**Adrian Breakspear** for **Gang Of Youths** "Go Farther In Lightness" (Mosy Recordings/Sony Music)  
**Bob Scott** for **Kate Miller-Heidke & Sydney Symphony Orchestra** "Live at the Sydney Opera House" (ABC Music/Universal Music)  
**Steven Schram** for **Paul Kelly** "Life Is Fine" (EMI)

#### **Best Cover Art**

**WINNER: PETER SALMON-LOMAS FOR PAUL KELLY "LIFE IS FINE" (EMI)**

**Lee McConnell** for **Dune Rats** "The Kids Will Know It's Bullshit" (Ratbag Records)  
**Nathan Cahyadi** for **Gang Of Youths** "Go Farther In Lightness" (Mosy Recordings/Sony Music)  
**Nick McKinlay** for **Julia Jacklin** "Don't Let The Kids Win" (Liberation Music)  
**Mitchell Storck** for **Midnight Oil** "The Overflow Tank" (Sony Music)  
**Peter Salmon-Lomas** for **Paul Kelly** "Life Is Fine" (EMI)

## **2017 FINE ARTS AWARDS | NOMINATED ARTISTS**

### **Best Classical Album**

**WINNER: SLAVA GRIGORYAN "BACH: CELLO SUITES VOLUME I" (ABC CLASSICS/UNIVERSAL MUSIC)**

**Grigoryan Brothers** "Songs Without Words" (ABC Classics/Universal Music)  
**Jayson Gillham, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra & Benjamin Northey** "Medtner: Piano Concerto No. 1 | Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 2" (ABC Classics/Universal Music)  
**Kate Miller-Heidke & Sydney Symphony Orchestra** "Live at the Sydney Opera House" (ABC Music/Universal Music)  
**Slava Grigoryan** "Bach: Cello Suites Volume I" (ABC Classics/Universal Music)  
**Tamara-Anna Cislowska** "Elena Kats-Chernin: Unsent Love Letters - Meditations on Erik Satie" (ABC Classics/Universal Music)

### **Best Jazz Album**

**WINNER: JAMES MORRISON, BBC CONCERT ORCHESTRA, KEITH LOCKHART, HARRY MORRISON & WILLIAM MORRISON "THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK" (ABC JAZZ/UNIVERSAL MUSIC)**

**Australian Art Orchestra** "Water Pushes Sand" Jazzhead (Head Records)  
**James Morrison & James Morrison Academy Jazz Orchestra** "James Morrison With His Academy Jazz Orchestra" (ABC Jazz/Universal Music)  
**James Morrison, BBC Concert Orchestra, Keith Lockhart, Harry Morrison & William Morrison** "The Great American Songbook" (ABC Jazz/Universal Music)  
**King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard** "Sketches Of Brunswick East" (FLIGHTLESS/Inertia)  
**The Vampires** "The Vampires meet Lionel Loueke" (Earshift/Planet)

### **Best Original Soundtrack or Musical Theatre Cast Album**

**WINNER: NIGEL WESTLAKE & SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, WITH JOSEPH TAWADROS, SLAVA GRIGORYAN & LIOR "ALI'S WEDDING" (ABC CLASSICS/UNIVERSAL MUSIC)**

**Australian Cast Recording** feat. **David Campbell** "Dream Lover" (Sony Music)  
**Cezary Skubiszewski** "Red Dog: True Blue OST" (Decca Records/Universal Music)  
**Jessica Mauboy** "The Secret Daughter (Songs from the Original TV Series)" (Sony Music)

**Nigel Westlake & Sydney Symphony Orchestra, with Joseph Tawadros, Slava Grigoryan & Lior** “Ali’s Wedding” (ABC Classics/Universal Music)

**Richard Tognetti & Australian Chamber Orchestra** “Mountain” (ABC Classics/Universal Music)

### **Best World Music Album**

**WINNER: KATIE NOONAN AND KARIN SCHAUPP “SONGS OF THE LATIN SKIES” (KIN MUSIC/UNIVERSAL MUSIC)**

**Joseph Tawadros** “Live at Abbey Road” (Independent/Planet)

**Katie Noonan and Karin Schaupp** “Songs of the Latin Skies” (KIN Music/Universal Music)

**Melbourne Ska Orchestra** “Saturn Return” (ABC Music/Universal Music)

**Slava Grigoryan & Australian String Quartet** “Migration” (ABC Classics/Universal Music)

**Xylouris White** “Black Peak” (Caroline Australia)

## **BEST COMEDY RELEASE | NOMINATED ARTISTS**

**WINNER: JOHN CLARKE “CLARKE’S CLASSICS” (ABC CLASSICS/UNIVERSAL MUSIC)**

**Arj Barker** “Get In My Head” (Universal Pictures Australasia/Universal Sony Pictures Home Entertainment)

**Buddy Goode** “More Rubbish” (ABC Music/Universal Music)

**John Clarke** “Clarke’s Classics” (ABC Classics/Universal Music)

**Kitty Flanagan** “Seriously?” (Universal Pictures Australasia/Universal Sony Pictures Home Entertainment)

**Rhys Nicholson** “Rhys Nicholson Live at The Eternity Playhouse” (Century Entertainment)

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